

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph

-- This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/990,554, filed November 21, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/250,640, filed December 1, 2000 entitled MACROLIDE COMPOUNDS by inventors Gary Ashley, Brian Metcalf, and Zong-Qiang Tian and U.S Provisional Application No. 60/269,632 filed Februay 15, 2001 entitled MACROLIDE COMPOUNDS by inventors Brian Metcalf and Daniel Santi, both all of which are incorporated herein by reference. --